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Occupied Germany:

Attached as Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ending 18 May 1946.

Communicable Diseases: For the second consecutive week this year there were no reported cases of typhus fever for the U. S. Zone. The U. S. Sector of Berlin showed a decreased incidence of both dysentery and diphtheria but an increased incidence of scarlet fever for the week. Greater Hesse reported a decreased incidence of influenza. There were no other significant changes in the incidence of communicable diseases reported during the week ending 18 May 1946.

Hospitalization: In Land Bavaria every effort is being made to isolate all open cases of tuberculosis. It is believed that the necessary equipment is available and that it is a question of making full use of space and equipment under the existing conditions. This accomplishment should be possible within a few months. Swiss charitable organizations have indicated willingness to accept for hospitalization from Württemberg-Baden as many as five hundred German children suffering from tuberculosis. Also, arrangements have been made in Württemberg-Baden with UNRRA, the Regional Real Estate Office, and tactical troops for the use of hospitals and tuberculosis sanatoria in Bad Mergentheim for the hospitalization of tubercular patients and establishment of homes for the aged.

Medical Supplies: Land Württemberg-Baden reports that it is being furnished with two million units of insulin per month from American stocks which will adequately meet the requirement for the drug, previously only partially met from indigenous sources. For economic reasons as well as the preservation of supplies Bavarian authorities have been directed to further the use of available standard drugs which are equally as effective as preparations requiring special manufacture or importation. Also instructions have been given to destroy stocks of mouse-lung and lung-tissue typhus vaccine, using only egg yolk type in the future.

Venereal Disease: All venereal disease treatment centers and Military Government Detachments with penicillin stocks are being checked for general operations and technique preparatory to terminating MG control and turning over the responsibility to the German authorities.

Sanitation: In the city of Mannheim, Land Württemberg-Baden, five bunkers have been inspected with the result that the prevailing sanitary conditions were found to be far below standard, each bunker housing five to eight times the number for which it was designed, and facilities grossly inadequate. Recommendations have been made for improvement.

Veterinary Affairs: The Veterinary School in Giessen, Greater Hesse, is now in operation. One Gemeinde in Kreis Wetzlar and four in Dillkreis are still infected with hoof and mouth disease but no additional cases have been reported. Investigation indicated that the hog cholera epidemic which continues in Kreis Fulda is due, to a large extent, to the fact that proper control measures are not enforced. Directions for compliance with slaughter-eradication regulations have been given to be effected immediately.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 18 Mai 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE															c: cases d: deaths								
			Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid	Paratyphoid Fever	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza
TOTAL US Zone	£ 15,570,584	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	676 17	200 2	757 205	119 25	549 4	9 2	2333 —	719 1	67 8	20 1	30 3	6 1	— —	10 3024	— —	2 1	15 —	44 —	94 —
Mainfranken	927,000	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	33 1	7 —	61 17	9 2	8 —	— —	— —	61 —	17 —	6 2	3 —	1 —	3 —	— —	157 —	— —	— —	1 —	— —	5 —
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,140,055	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	75 1	34 —	86 25	11 3	49 1	— —	1 —	253 —	82 —	7 —	1 —	2 —	— —	— —	610 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,966,526	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	43 1	13 —	75 23	4 —	36 1	— —	1 —	258 —	80 —	15 —	1 —	1 —	— —	— —	611 —	2 —	— —	— —	— —	— —
Schwaben	1,018,162	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	19 1	10 —	39 15	3 —	56 2	— —	1 —	124 —	48 —	2 —	1 —	2 —	— —	— —	266 —	— —	— —	1 —	— —	— —
Oberbayern	2,094,785	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	73 1	15 —	106 19	9 3	103 —	— —	3 —	335 —	115 —	2 —	— —	8 —	— —	— —	248 —	— —	— —	3 —	45 —	
Kassel	1,042,724	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	47 1	19 —	50 11	12 —	21 —	1 —	1 —	192 —	69 —	7 —	5 —	— —	— —	2 177	— —	— —	— —	— —	9 —	
Wiesbaden	1,322,421	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	77 2	23 —	69 14	22 1	42 —	— —	— —	359 —	74 —	2 —	1 —	1 —	— —	— —	15 —	— —	— —	— —	5 —	
Hessen	1,080,779	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	76 —	10 —	57 9	5 2	45 —	— —	— —	155 —	52 —	4 —	1 —	2 —	— —	7 293	— —	— —	1 —	44 22		
Baden	1,135,775	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	67 3	12 1	73 12	12 2	74 —	1 —	— —	133 —	39 —	2 —	2 —	4 —	— —	1 572	— —	— —	3 —	— —	— —	
Württemberg	1,908,151	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	88 6	31 1	58 22	27 10	115 —	1 —	— —	173 —	56 —	8 —	3 —	1 —	— —	— —	75 —	— —	1 —	— —	7 —	
Bremen Port Command	£	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	36 2	2 —	23 1	2 —	— —	— —	1 —	137 —	32 —	3 —	— —	1 —	— —	— —	232 —	— —	— —	— —	2 —	
Berlin (Am Sector)	934,000	P C	— —	— —	— —	— —	78 —	26 —	83 38	5 1	— —	— —	— —	290 —	87 —	12 3	1 —	10 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	5 —	— —	— —	

£ Bremen included in report from British Zone — not included in the totals on this report.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 18 May 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																										c: cases	d: deaths
			Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tbc. lung & larynx	Tbc. other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza		
Bavaria	8,146,734	c	—	—	—	—	—	243	79	367	36	252	6	1	1031	342	32	7	12	6	—	—	1892	—	—	2	5	—	51	
Greater Hesse	3,445,924	c	—	—	—	—	5	200	52	99	9	4	1	—	706	195	2	7	2	—	—	—	9	485	—	1	44	36		
Württemberg	3,043,926	c	—	—	—	—	3	155	43	131	39	189	2	—	306	95	10	5	5	1	—	—	1	647	—	4	—	7		
Baden	473,000	d	—	—	—	—	9	2	34	12	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Bremen Port Command		c	—	—	—	—	36	2	23	2	—	—	—	—	137	32	3	—	—	1	—	—	1	232	—	—	2	—		
Berlin	934,000	d	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
(US Sector)		c	—	—	—	—	78	26	83	5	—	—	—	—	290	87	12	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—		

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,146,734	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.52	5.06	23.49	2.30	16.13	.38	.06	65.98	21.89	2.05	.44	.77	.38	—	—	121.09	—	.13	.32	—	3.26
Greater Hesse	3,445,924	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.20	7.85	26.58	5.89	16.31	.15	.15	106.61	29.44	1.96	1.06	.45	—	—	—	1.36	73.23	—	.15	6.64	5.44
Württemberg	3,043,926	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.50	7.35	22.40	6.67	32.32	.34	—	52.33	16.24	1.71	.85	.85	—	—	—	.17	110.64	—	.68	—	1.20
Baden	473,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	39.56	2.20	25.28	2.20	—	—	—	150.56	35.17	3.30	—	1.10	—	—	1.10	—	254.97	—	—	2.20	—
Bremen Port Command		—	—	—	—	—	—	43.45	14.48	46.23	2.78	—	—	—	161.53	48.46	6.68	.56	5.57	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.78	—	—
Berlin	934,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(US Sector)		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 18 May 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningococcus	Polio-myelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Total U. S. Zone	15,570,584	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.31	6.60	24.98	3.93	18.12	.30	.07	76.99	23.73	2.21	.66	.99	.20	—	.33	99.79	—	.07	.50	1.45	3.10
Mainfranken	927,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.51	3.93	34.22	5.05	4.49	—	—	34.22	9.54	3.37	1.68	.56	1.68	—	—	88.08	—	—	.56	—	2.80
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,140,055	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.22	8.26	20.90	2.67	11.91	.24	—	61.48	19.93	1.70	.24	.49	—	—	—	148.23	—	—	—	—	.24
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,966,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	11.35	3.43	19.80	1.06	9.50	.26	—	68.11	21.12	3.96	.26	—	.26	—	—	161.30	—	.53	—	—	—
Schwaben	1,018,162	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.71	5.11	19.93	1.53	28.67	.51	.51	63.36	24.53	1.02	1.02	1.51	1.02	—	—	135.93	—	—	.51	—	—
Oberbayern	2,094,785	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.10	3.72	26.29	2.23	25.54	.74	—	83.08	28.52	.50	—	1.98	—	—	—	61.50	—	—	.74	—	11.16
Kassel	1,042,724	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.45	9.48	24.95	5.99	10.48	.50	.50	95.81	34.43	3.49	2.49	—	—	—	1.00	88.32	—	—	—	—	4.49
Wiesbaden	1,322,421	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.26	9.04	27.12	8.65	16.51	—	—	141.09	29.08	.79	.39	.39	—	—	—	5.89	—	—	—	—	1.96
Hessen	1,080,779	—	—	—	—	—	—	36.56	4.81	27.42	2.40	21.64	—	—	74.55	25.01	1.92	.48	.96	—	—	3.37	140.93	—	—	.48	21.16	10.58
Baden	1,135,775	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.69	5.50	33.43	5.50	33.89	.46	—	60.91	17.86	.92	.92	1.83	—	—	.46	261.98	—	—	1.37	—	—
Württemberg	1,908,151	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.02	8.46	15.83	7.37	31.39	.27	—	47.23	15.29	2.18	.82	.27	—	—	—	20.47	—	—	.27	—	1.91
Bremen Port Command	£	—	—	—	—	—	—	39.56	2.20	25.28	2.20	—	—	—	150.56	35.17	3.30	—	1.10	—	1.10	—	254.97	—	—	—	2.20	—
Berlin (Am Sector)	934,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	43.45	14.48	46.23	2.78	—	—	—	161.53	48.46	6.68	.56	5.57	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.78	—	—

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(Rates Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum)

